## **Snowmobile Grant Program**

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The Montana Snowmobile Program, which has been in existence since 1978, currently has no grant scoring criteria. Discussions with the department's advisory committee were held in the years 1983, 1988, 1993, and 1996, and in each case the consensus was that scoring criteria were not necessary to the program. The purpose of the snowmobile grant program is to maintain the existing groomed snowmobile trail system, not to expand or initiate new trail systems. The annual apportionment for grants is based upon legislative budget authority and the history of the costs of grooming in each of the 26 programs across the state.